DECLASSIFIED

Department of State

TELEGRAM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE 112

PAGE 01 TRIPOL 00252 060308Z

92/46
ACTION AF-19

INFO OCT-01 EUR-20 NEA-13 EA-15 CIAE-00 COM-08 DODE-00
DOTE-00 E-15 FMC-04 INR-08 NSAE-00 RSC-01 CG-00 L-04
INT-06 OEP-01 RSR-01 /116 W

R 041455Z FEB 71
FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7381

035159
DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY G. M. Razi DATE 5/6/82
RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON (S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
TEXT PARA NBR RELEASABLE ☑
RELEASE DENIED ☐

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TRIPOLI 0252

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TO

SUBJ: TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: LIBYAN MERCHANT MARINE

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF RECENTLY FORMED LIBYAN GENERAL MARITIME TRANSPORT ORGANIZATION MOHAMAD AL-MASRI CALLED EMBASSY IN EARLY JANUARY AND REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH EMBOFF TO DISCUSS ASSISTANCE USG OR FIRMS COULD GIVE FLEDGLING ORGANIZATION.

2. AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH EMBOFF, AL-MASRI STATED LIBYA WAS SEEKING HELP FROM MANY SOURCES, INCLUDING BRITAIN, GREECE, ALGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, USSR AND UNDP. LIBYANS HOPE TO PURCHASE THREE NEW TANKERS AND RENT OTHERS TO HAUL LIBYA OIL, AND NEED ADVICE ACROSS THE BOARD. TO DATE, YUGOSLAVS HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL, AND UNDP HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO PROVICE EXPERT FOR THREE MONTHS.

3. AL-MASRI ASKED IF U.S. GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE FIRMS COULD PROVIDE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT ADVICE, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON SHIP PURCHASES AND RENTAL. MARITIME TRANSPORT ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DOWNPAYMENT IN NEXT FY OF ONE MILLION POUNDS ON EACH OF THREE NEW TANKERS. ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION POUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR RENTAL OF TANKERS DURING FIRST YEAR.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

Department of State **TELEGRAM**

PAGE 02 TRIPOL 00252 060308Z

4. WHILE THIS INFORMATION VERY PRELIMINARY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INITIAL WASHINGTON REACTION BEFORE WE FOLLOW-UP WITH AL-MASRI. SHOULD WE ACTIVELY PURSUE SUBJECT OF USG REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD? WHAT CONSULTING FIRMS SHOULD WE RECOMMEND? DECON 1/1/72.
PALMER

0914587730